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State Incident-Based Reporting System Participation in Oklahoma

Almost half of Oklahoma's law enforcement agencies participate in the SIBRS; however, this only covers about 15% of the state's population and 9% of the state's crime.

SIBRS is an online incident-based reporting system provided by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI). It serves as a report repository for state law enforcement, thereby facilitating communication and data sharing among agencies. Information collected is also submitted by the OSBI to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

Of 315 current Oklahoma agencies, 151 (47.9%) participate in the SIBRS program, including 21 of 77 sheriffs offices (27.3%) and 130 of 238 police departments (54.6%).

While SIBRS participation is high, most law enforcement agencies in Oklahoma serve small populations. Of the 312 local jurisdiction agencies in the state, 243 serve populations smaller than 15,000, and only three serve populations greater than 100,000 (Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Norman). Of agencies that currently participate in SIBRS (excluding the Grand River Dam Authority), only 13 serve populations greater than 15,000. The Muskogee Police Department is the largest of the SIBRS agencies, providing service to a population of 40,197.

Based on population estimates provided by the FBI, 561,373 Oklahomans (15.2% of the 3,687,756 total) live in jurisdictions participating in SIBRS. In 2009, 14,046 UCR index crimes (9.4% of the 149,400 state total) were reported by those jurisdictions participating in SIBRS.

Among sheriffs' offices, 246,942 Oklahomans (23.6% of a 1,047,638 sheriff's office total) reside in SIBRS jurisdictions, accounting for 4,349 index crimes (26.9% of a 16,148 sheriff's office total).

Among police departments, 314,441 Oklahomans (11.9% of a 2,640,118 police department total) reside in SIBRS

jurisdictions, accounting for 9,697 index crimes (7.3% of a 133,252 police department total).

Oklahoma has a higher participation rate than the country as a whole (48% of Oklahoma agencies versus 44% nationally in 2009), but with a much smaller percentage of the population represented (9% of Oklahomans versus 26% nationally in 2009).

SIBRS coverage will increase over the next two years due to the interface between SIBRS and ODIS.

Many agencies that do not participate in SIBRS participate in the state's Offender Data Information System (ODIS), which is planned to be interfaced with SIBRS over the next two years. This may increase the SIBRS population coverage to as high as 40%, with the SIBRS crime coverage increasing to as high as 23%.

However, the state's three largest jurisdictions (Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Norman) will still not be covered by an incident-based system. The addition of these three police departments would increase the SIBRS population coverage to 68% and the SIBRS crime coverage to 70%.

